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In re Application of:	Steven D. Goedeke et al.	Group Art Unit:	2654
Application No.:	09/731,178	Examiner:	M. Opsasnick
Filing Date:	December 6, 2000		
For:	AUTOMATIC VOICE AND DATA RECOGNITION FOR IMPLANTED MEDICAL DEVICE INSTRUMENT SYSTEMS		

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**RESPONSE**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following is in response to the Advisory Action mailed November 23, 2004.